## In Leningrad Region, former employees of District Department of the Ministry for Internal Affairs to appear in court accused of multimillion embezzlement of budget funds

The Leningrad Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has concluded the investigation into Chief Accountant of Leningrad Region Volkhov District Department of the Ministry for Internal Affairs and accountant of the same organization.

Depending on their involvement, these persons are charged with the crime under Part 4 of Article 159 (swindling on a large scale committed by a group of people)--2 episodes, Part 2 of Article 292 (forgery)--2 episodes, and Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (large scale legalization of monetary funds) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigation, from June 2015 till August 2017, working in Leningrad Region Volkhov District Department of the Ministry for Internal Affairs, the Chief Accountant and her subordinate had been systematically stealing funds allocated for the needs of the District Department of the Ministry for Internal Affairs. For this purpose, the accountants had illegally gained access to digital signatures of the budgetary unit and functions of banking and treasury support by entering knowingly false information in the official documents. After that, by the deception of employees of the Main Directorate of the Ministry for Internal Affairs, Federal Treasury, and the banking institution, they had stolen budgetary funds allocated for the needs of the District Department of the Ministry for Internal Affairs for the total amount of over 78 million rubles. The stolen money had been used to purchase real estate properties and vehicles for personal disposal.

During the preliminary investigation, at the request of the investigator of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, the property of one of the accused was seized, which included a car, apartments, land plots, a residential building, and other luxury items.

At the moment, the investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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